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A GREAT HIGHWAY THROUGH BRAZOS COUNTY.

On Wednesday of this week The Eagle reprinted from the Galveston News a Dallas special outlining a plan for building a macadam road from Red river to the gulf. Two routes were proposed, the most direct and the one preferred by the promoters passing through Brazos county lengthwise from north to south. Yesterday several citizens of Bryan called on The Eagle to discuss the matter, which they justly consider one of great importance, and in this opinion we heartily concur.

The News special stated that the promoters of the enterprise are seeking the co-operation of the counties through which the road is to pass, that communications to this effect had been sent to the county judges of all the counties and that favorable replies had been received from all except Robertson, Brazos and Grimes. The editor of The Eagle called the attention of Judge Board to the News special, but he was so engaged at the time that he could not consider it. Later in the day a reporter was sent to ask if he had anything to say, but he was still otherwise occupied, and we have as yet heard nothing from him.

The citizens who called on The Eagle decided to get up a petition to the commissioners' court asking that honorable body to take up the matter. Such a movement is highly commendable and will no doubt receive the support of all public spirited citizens. It is well known that Judge Board and the county commissioners are giving much attention to road building, and it is only necessary to convince them that the plan is feasible.

And right here is the crux of the matter—is it practicable to build a macadam road lengthwise through Brazos county? If it is not, that ends the discussion; if it is, it ought to be done. The cost can be accurately ascertained only by a survey, but the experience of Judge Board and the commissioners will perhaps enable them to make an estimate that would be approximately correct—sufficient to serve as a basis for a decision as to whether it should be undertaken.

The only great obstacle is the expense of material for the macadam. Our information is that there is no accessible deposit of gravel that is suitable to this purpose. The only available source of supply seems to be the quarry on George Dunlap's land, near Millican, from which the broken stone for Main street was procured. The cost of quarrying, breaking and distributing along the line would be great, but whether greater than the county could afford we are not prepared to say. All we know is that other counties in Texas, some of them less wealthy than Brazos, have built and are building macadam roads in spite of difficulties as great as those that confront us.

The value of such a highway as the one proposed can scarcely be overestimated. It would turn the main current of the great tide of overland travel through the center of Brazos county. Instead of two or three tourist automobiles a week, we should have ten times that many every day, and every one would leave more or less money. And better still, travelers would see the county and its resources, which they can not do on the railroad trains, and would tell of it wherever they went. Immigrants would come and the value of the lands along the road would be doubled and trebled.

Then consider the advantages to our home people. No other route than the one proposed would serve so large a number of farmers. It would be a main artery and in a few years branches would be extended to all parts of the county. As it is, farmers often lose the best market by not being able to get to town through the mud. With macadam roads, teams could draw, on an average, more than twice as much as they can pull on the dirt roads. Think, too, of the pleasure of traveling over good roads. The proverbial profanity of teamsters would be only a memory and the next generation would deny that it ever existed. Every farmer would have his auto and his wife and daughters could come to town and do their shopping in an afternoon. There would be no littering or defiling of the streets, for it would solve the corral problem.

Good roads made Rome the mistress of the world, and good roads would make Bryan the queen city of South Central Texas.

Dr. J. M. Carroll has resigned the presidency of San Marcos Baptist Academy to accept the presidency of Oklahoma Baptist University. This leaves the San Marcos schools in a precarious condition; only a first-class financier can pay off the heavy debt hanging over it—a man like Dr. Weaver, for instance. But Bryan can't spare Dr. Weaver; the Baptist academy here isn't entirely out of the woods yet.

One of our daily exchanges, published in a town larger than Bryan, publishes the Commercial Secretaries' "dope" under the head, "Our Special News Service." Several other exchanges publish the same stuff as editorials. Why do newspapers try to impose on their readers thus?

Five months ago when Madero first unfurled the standard of rebellion, The Eagle said that if the insurgents could hold out two weeks the revolution would be successful. This was not a prophecy but an opinion based on a knowledge of conditions in Mexico.

The democrats of the house are making the democratic platform for next year and the material they are using is heart of oak.

There is not a vacant desirable house in Bryan. New houses are being built, but not fast enough to supply the demand.

After making peace on paper, Diaz and Madero may find that the real thing is something different.

Making life is more important than making a living. The best of life can not be bought with money.

Cutting the weeds brings two of the best rewards—a good appetite and a good conscience.

CONTRIBUTED BY COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the commercial secretaries of the Brownwood section was held at Brownwood, Thursday, May 4, for the purpose of perfecting a district organization of commercial secretaries. The counties of Brown, Comanche, Menard, McCullough, Erath and Hamilton were represented at the convention. Mr. S. W. Strain, general passenger agent of the Frisco, addressed the meeting on immigration. The primary purpose of the organization is to encourage the immigration of new settlers from other states into that section of Texas.

Life on a farm often becomes, as a result of "bottomless roads," isolated and barren, and in many instances ambition is checked, energy weakened and industry paralyzed from this cause. Build good roads.

Mr. W. T. Loudermilk, president of

the Farmers' Union of Texas, addressed a good roads meeting at Comanche Saturday in the interest of the \$100,000 road bond issue which is on foot in that county. The bond issue was recently defeated, but another election has been called, and it is believed will carry by a large majority. The farmers of the state are becoming actively interested in the subject of good roads and the co-operation of the Farmers' Union in improving our public highways is encouraging to all advocates of good roads in the state.

Good roads have a money value to farmers as well as a political and social value, and leaving out the refining influences which they have on a community, and looking at them only from a mercenary standpoint, they are found to pay handsome dividends each year.

The different railroads running into the Wharton country have been gathering statistics showing that 950 cars of potatoes will be shipped from this famous potato section this season, and it is believed that the potato crop this year will be fully two weeks in advance of previous seasons. Texas produces about 4,000,000 bushels of potatoes per annum and supplies a large percentage of the potatoes for Northern markets.

The mule is the only animal that did not enter Noah's Ark. By good conduct he has overcome the prejudices of an illegitimate lineage and has successfully fought his way into the highways of industry, with his parents as competitors, until today he drags the nation's commerce.

The Texas oyster industry is to receive aid at the hands of the federal government, according to information sent out from the office of the state game warden at Austin. The entire Texas coast is to be exploited by the government with a view of plating the oyster reefs along the coast. The fish and oyster industry of Texas is assuming larger proportions each year and the oyster beds of the Texas coast have been pronounced equal to those of the Atlantic coast by federal experts from time to time, and the fact that Uncle Sam will give practical assistance to the state in developing this industry is encouraging to all citizens of the state.

LIFE'S LESSONS.

I learn as the years roll onward
And I leave the past behind,
That much I counted sorrow
But proves that God is kind;
That many a flower I'd longed for
Had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that covered the sunshine,
They can not banish the sun,
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light,
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the weary strength of light.

The sweetest rest is at even,
After a wearisome day,
When the heavy burden of labor
Has been borne from our hearts away;
And those who have never known sorrow
Can not know the infinite peace
That falls on the troubled spirit
When it sees at last release.

We must live through the dreary winter
If we would value the spring,
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing;
The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and the gloom.
—Author Unknown.

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SUMMER NORMAL AT A. & M. COLLEGE.

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It is believed the summer normal at the college will be more largely attended this year than ever before.

FERTILIZER EXPERIMENTS.

Dr. G. S. Fraps, state chemist of Texas and associate professor of agricultural chemistry at A. & M. college, finds a great deal of interest throughout the state in co-operative fertilizer experiments which are carried on under his direction every year. The number of experiments are limited only because the funds available to provide the fertilizer are not sufficient to take in as many farmers as partners in the co-operation as desire to assist in demonstrating the worth of fertilizers and the possibilities of their soils under proper fertilization.

CALVERT BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT BRYAN.

The board of directors of the Calvert Commercial Club has accepted an invitation from the Bryan Commercial Club to visit this city next Tuesday. The visitors, twelve in number, will arrive Monday afternoon on the 2:45 southbound Houston & Texas Central train. They will be met at the depot and carried over the city in automobiles.

At 5 o'clock a trip to A. & M. college over the interurban is a part of the plan, and a special dress parade will be held for the entertainment of the visitors.

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